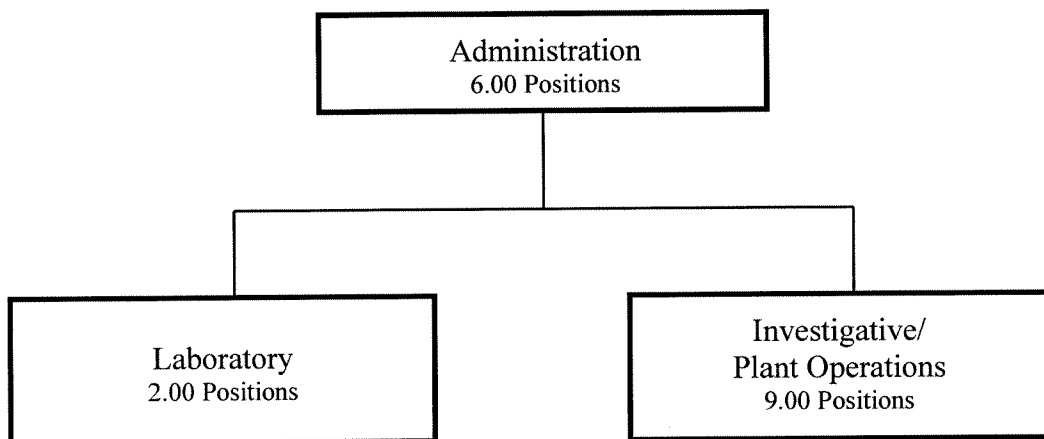


Department of the Medical Examiner

DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER (MED) ORGANIZATION CHART

This chart reflects the number of full-time equivalent positions appropriated in Fiscal Year 2003.



DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER (MED)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Department of the Medical Examiner is responsible for investigating sudden, unexpected, violent, and suspicious deaths. The purpose of such an investigation is to discover, document, and preserve the medical, anatomic or evidentiary findings which will allow the Department to determine the cause and manner of death, to identify the time of death and injury, to prove or disprove an individual's guilt or innocence, to determine or exclude other contributory or causative factors to the death, and to provide expert testimony in criminal and civil litigation.

MISSION STATEMENT

To investigate violent deaths and those deaths that occur suddenly or unexpectedly when an individual was in apparent good health.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To maintain and improve a high level of competence in the field of forensic pathology.
2. To increase and expand knowledge of trends affecting the lives of the citizens of Oahu.
3. To fulfill licensing requirements for State certification by annually attending appropriate seminars and classes.

BUDGET INITIATIVES AND HIGHLIGHTS

The proposed budget of \$1,052,368 reflects a decrease from the current fiscal year. The decrease is primarily due to decreases in current expenses. The Department will continue to accomplish the following initiatives:

1. Provide changes to policies and procedures relating to child death investigation by participating in the multi-disciplinary child death review system.
2. Gather information about the aging process in Hawaii's Japanese male population born between 1900 and 1919.
3. Gather information about the extent of trauma-related deaths.
4. Collect and analyze data of traffic accident fatalities, drug-related deaths, and suicides with emphasis on prevention.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	
		FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Average time required to complete all phases of Investigations (May vary from 3 Days to 3 Months)	DAYS	22	22	22

DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

	ACTUAL FY 2002	BUDGET FY 2003	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2004		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Permanent Positions	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	17.00
Temporary Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contract Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	17.00

EXPENDITURES BY APPROPRIATION UNIT

	ACTUAL FY 2002	BUDGET FY 2003	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2004		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Investigation Of Deaths	\$ 947,865	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 1,052,368	\$ 0	\$ 1,052,368
TOTAL	\$ 947,865	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 1,052,368	\$ 0	\$ 1,052,368

CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURES

	ACTUAL FY 2002	BUDGET FY 2003	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2004		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Salaries and Wages	\$ 795,223	\$ 868,177	\$ 886,919	\$ 0	\$ 886,919
Current Expenses	150,956	184,414	165,449	0	165,449
Equipment	1,686	0	0	0	0
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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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General Fund	\$ 947,865	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 1,052,368	\$ 0	\$ 1,052,368
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DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
Investigation Of Deaths Program

Program Description

This activity investigates the circumstances of all violent and obscure deaths by interrogation of witnesses, examination of the death scene, researching information, and conducting postmortem and laboratory examinations.

Output Measures

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	
		FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Investigations	#	1,569	1,500	1,500
Autopsies	#	488	500	500
Laboratory Tests	#	750	700	700
Laboratory Slides	#	2,807	2,500	2,500
Toxi Screen (In-house)	#	580	600	600
Toxi Screen (Sent out)	#	168	160	160
Bodies Transported	#	692	744	744

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